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PREFATORY NOTE

Some months ago a member of the A. L. A. Publishing Board suggested that a list be compiled of the indexes of special subjects which various libraries had made primarily for their own use. It was believed that such a list of indexes, if printed and placed in the hands of reference librarians, would open up sources of information that for serious purposes would be extremely helpful.

In response to a circular request sent out from the headquarters office of the A. L. A. the information set down in the following pages has been collected. Doubtless other useful special indexes in other libraries will be later reported and this will lead to revised editions of this list if it is found to have co-operative value.

A star preceding the entry indicates that while the subject is not covered by a card index, the material is so cataloged or arranged as to be readily accessible. The headings conform to the "A. L. A. List of Subject Headings," all cross references having been omitted on account of the brevity of this preliminary publication. In the present issue of the list no general indexes to periodicals have been included. No entries have been made of self-evident sources of information, such as libraries whose province is known to be a particular field of knowledge. Descriptive notes have been given where furnished by the contributors.

It is understood that reasonable requests for brief references will be complied with by the co-operating libraries, and that requests involving considerable research work or copying can in most cases be met through special arrangement and the payment of a reasonable fee.

LIST OF SPECIAL INDEXES

Abbreviations: F., Free; P., Public; L., Library.

***Accounting.** P. L. New York.
Arranged by systems, kinds of business and services.

Actors. P. L. Omaha, Neb.
Portraits in *Theatre*, v. 1-38 (1878-97).

Agricultural experiment stations. P. L. St. Joseph, Mo.
Record of publications prior to those listed in the Agricultural index, published by the H. W. Wilson Company.

Agricultural products. L. of Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.
25,000 entries referring to books, pamphlets and periodicals, covering the various phases of agricultural economic literature.

Agriculture. L. of U. S. States Relations Service (Dept. of Agriculture), Washington.
Subject index to agricultural extension publications of the state agricultural colleges.

Allegory. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates in books and magazines.

America—Bibliography. Harvard College L. Cambridge, Mass.
Library of Congress printed cards for early Americana filed with additions made of other American imprints before 1800 noted on the library shelves.

Animals—Pictures. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates in books and magazines.

—— L. of the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Arabic literature. P. L. New York.
Title index, in Oriental characters, of all works in the collection.

Architecture. P. L. Chicago.
Analytical subject references to a collection of 10,000 volumes of books and periodicals on art and architecture.

—— P. L. Cleveland, O.
Title references to plates in certain unindexed books and periodicals.

Art. L. of Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio.
Subjects and exhibitors of exhibitions by American museums, societies and dealers, 1914+.

—— P. L. Chicago.
Analytical subject references to a collection of 10,000 volumes of books and periodicals on art and architecture.

—— P. L. Minneapolis, Minn.
Subject catalog, approximately 20,000 cards, of an extensive collection.

—— Ryerson L., Art Institute, Chicago.
Analytical references to art periodicals, and upon minor artists in books.

—— **Bibliography.** L. of the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N. Y.

—— **Galleries and museums.** L. of Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, O.
Catalogs of permanent collections in American museums.

Arthurian romances. Harvard College L. Cambridge, Mass.
Principal names occurring in the various Arthurian romances.

Baptists. Colgate University L. Hamilton, N. Y.
Special collection of books and pamphlets on Baptist history, biography, etc.

—— L. of American Baptist Historical Society, Chester, Pa.
Collection includes Baptist history and works by Baptist authors; also 25,000 reports, minutes, etc., of conventions and association meetings.

Bees. L. of U. S. Bureau of Entomology, Washington.
22,000 titles of books and articles on bees and beekeeping; most complete on subjects especially investigated in the Office of Apicultural Investigations, such as anatomy, development and diseases of bees, wintering, etc.

Bible—Pictorial illustrations. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Bibliography. Harvard College L. Cambridge, Mass.
Recent bibliographies made up principally of titles appearing in the *Library Journal*, but supplemented from other sources.

—— Indiana University L. Bloomington, Ind.
8,000 references to miscellaneous bibliographies.

—— P. L. Cleveland, O.
References to miscellaneous bibliographies.

Blind. L. of Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, Watertown, Mass.
2,000 books and pamphlets in the English language, and over 2,000 books and articles in other languages, on blindness and the blind.

Book reviews. P. L. Cleveland, O.
55,000 title references.

Botany. L. of U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington.
62,000 titles with subject index; especially strong in the literature of economic and cultivated plants and plant pathology.

Business. P. L. St. Paul, Minn.

California. P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.
Original sources of history.

—— **Birds.** P. L. Pomona, Cal.

—— **Portraits.** P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.

—— **Views.** P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.

Cathedrals—England. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates in books and magazines.

Central America. P. L. Cambridge, Mass.

Children's dialogues. P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.

Children's literature. Washington County F. L. Hagerstown, Md.
Short stories for children, and fairy tales.

Children's plays. P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.

College stories. P. L. Grand Rapids, Mich.

Corn. L. of U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington.
19,000 subject entries.

Costume. L. of Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.

—— P. L. New York.
Plates in books.

Cotton—Manufacture. F. P. L. New Bedford, Mass.

Debating. P. L. Denver, Col.
1,500 entries referring to debate material.

Decoration and ornament. P. L. Cleveland, O.
Subject references to plates in art works.

Drama. Indiana University L. Bloomington, Ind.
Analytical references to works of criticism, and over 2,000 author entries to plays (English, French and German).

—— L. of Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.
The Little Theater movement.

—— P. L. Chicago.
15,000 title entries of plays in English and foreign languages; some magazines included.

—— P. L. Grand Rapids, Mich.
Title index of all dramas in the library except those in magazines.

—— P. L. New York.
Reviews (other than newspaper reviews) of plays presented during the current season in New York City; by title.

Drugs. L. of U. S. Bureau of Chemistry, Washington.
Food and drug legislation of foreign countries.

East—Social life and customs. L. of the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Manners and customs of the Orient.

Education. L. of Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.
References to articles on the history of education and educational psychology.

—— **Bibliography.** L. of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

Engineering. P. L. New York.
Book reviews.

Engineers. P. L. New York.
5,500 entries, including 1,500 portrait references.

England—History—Civil war and commonwealth. Harvard College L. Cambridge, Mass.
A rich collection of the tracts listed in the Catalogue of the pamphlets, [etc.] relating to the Civil War, the Commonwealth, and the Restoration, 1640-1661, compiled by George Thomason.

Ethnology—Bibliography. L. of the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N. Y.

***European war, 1914-.** L. of Engineer School, United States Army, Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C.

Fairy tales. P. L. Grand Rapids, Mich.

—— P. L. Jackson, Mich.

—— P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.

—— Washington County F. L., Hagerstown, Md.

Fiction. P. L. Cleveland, O.
Subject references (e. g., detective stories, cowboy stories, etc.), covering 5,000 titles.

***Florida.** P. L. Jacksonville, Fla.

Folklore. L. of Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.
Stories, fables, fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

Food laws. L. of U. S. Bureau of Chemistry, Washington.
Food and drug legislation of foreign countries.

Forests and forestry. L. of U. S. Forest Service.
100,000 entries referring to books and periodical articles on forestry and related subjects.

Fruit culture. P. L. Riverside, Cal.
6,000 references on culture of citrus fruits.

Furniture. P. L. Grand Rapids, Mich.
Subject specialized in; very full analyticals.

Genealogy. P. L. Bangor, Me.
Complete name index (30,000 entries) to the *Bangor Historical Magazine* and its continuation, the *Maine Historical Magazine*. Name file of the genealogical department, *Boston Transcript*, 1893-1900; *New York Mail and Express*, 1896-1904; *Daily Eastern Argus*, Portland, Me., 1915+.

—— P. L. Cincinnati, O.
97,000 analytical references.

—— P. L. Syracuse, N. Y.
Supplements Index to American genealogies, published by Joel Munsell's Sons.

German language—Dialects. Bowdoin College L. Brunswick, Me.

Harbors. P. L. New York.
Port and harbor development.

Heraldry. P. L. St. Louis, Mo.
Illustrations of coats of arms.

—— P. L. Syracuse, N. Y.
Illustrations of coats of arms.

History. Syracuse University L. Syracuse, N. Y.
Special historical collection comprising 17,000 vols.

—— **Portraits.** L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Historical characters, in books and magazines.

Huguenots. Bowdoin College L. Brunswick, Me.

Indians. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates in books and magazines.

***Industrial betterment.** P. L. New York.
Pamphlet material and letters giving information on welfare work in large corporations; includes pension schemes, continuation schools, clubhouses and activities, housing, saving funds, benefit societies, etc.

Insects. L. of Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.
60,000 references to books and periodicals, by individual species of insects.

International law. L. of Columbia University, New York.

Jews. P. L. New York.
117,000 entries referring to periodicals

and to chapters or sections of books, in various languages, and including portraits, biographical data, quotations, etc.

Kindergarten songs. P. L. Cleveland, O.
2,000 title references to 50 collections.

Landscape painting. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates in books and magazines.

***Law.** L. of Association of the Bar, New York.
Briefs, U. S. Courts: Supreme Court, 1883+; Circuit Courts of Appeal (all 9 circuits), 1891+; Commerce Court (now abolished), a nearly complete set; Court of Customs Appeals, from organization to date. N. Y. Courts: Court of Errors, 1836, 1842-46; Court of Appeals, 1852, 1863+; Supreme Court, General Term, 1st Dept., 1849-51, 1853, 1858-95; Supreme Court, Appellate Div. (all 4 Depts.), 1896+; Superior Court, 1871-93; Supreme Court, Appellate Term, 1st Dept., Oct., 1908+.

—— L. of Columbia University, New York.
Books relating to or published in New York State.

—— **Bibliography.** L. of Columbia University, New York.

Literature—Study and teaching. L. of Eastern Illinois State Normal School, Charleston, Ill.
Poems and stories; including much material in unindexed magazines. (Printed in Bulletin of Bibliography, v. 8, no. 3, April, 1914+. Continuations to date at library.)

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth—Bibliography. Bowdoin College L. Brunswick, Me.
The most extensive collection of Longfellow material in the world.

Louisiana. Howard Memorial L. New Orleans, La.

***Maine—Bibliography.** Bowdoin College L. Brunswick, Me.
Additions to Bibliography of Maine from the earliest period to 1891, by Joseph Williamson.

Maps. P. L. St. Louis, Mo.

Marine painting. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates in books and magazines.

***Military art and science.** L. of Engineer School, United States Army, Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C.

Museums. L. of the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N. Y.
References regarding installation, administration of exhibits, etc.

Music—Scores. P. L. Chicago.
Classed catalog of instrumental scores (for orchestra, piano, violin and other instruments) and songs; with separate dictionary catalogs of composers and titles; collection includes over 5,000 volumes and 10,000 pieces of sheet music.

Mythology. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates of mythological characters, in books and magazines.

Natural history—Bibliography. L. of the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N. Y.

New Orleans. Howard Memorial L. New Orleans, La.

Opera. P. L. New York.
1,400 entries of pictures (characters, costumes, scenes, etc.), chiefly in musical periodicals.

Oriental literature. P. L. New York.
74,000 entries of literature in all the Eastern languages dealing with Eastern subjects; with numerous cross references from various forms of Oriental names.

Outdoor life. P. L. St. Paul, Minn.
Outdoor sports specialized in.

Paintings. Colgate University L. Hamilton, N. Y.
5,000 references to famous pictures, by artist and title.

—— P. L. Cincinnati, O.
Plates of famous paintings, in folio books.

—— P. L. Denver, Col.
9,000 entries by artist and title.

—— P. L. New York.
20,000 references to plates in books

and to prints of paintings and sculptures.

—— P. L. St. Louis, Mo.
Descriptions of celebrated paintings.

Persian literature. P. L. New York.
Title index in Oriental characters, of all works in the collection.

***Physical education.** L. of International Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass.
Work with boys and young men.

Piano music—Scores. City L. Springfield, Mass.
4,000 references to collections.

—— P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.

——P. L. Providence, R. I.
References to collections.

Pictures. F. P. L. Worcester, Mass.
Subject entries of a collection of 8,000 pictures representing the works of the masters; including also many illustrations in books.

—— Grosvenor L. Buffalo, N. Y.
Subject references to plates and illustrations in art works.

—— L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Miscellaneous plates in books and magazines, by artist, title and subject, and with the process of the reproduction indicated.

—— L. of Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.
4,000 references, by artist, to illustrations and descriptions in books and periodicals.

—— P. L. Cleveland, O.
Over 5,000 title and subject references to books, art periodicals, Soule pictures, etc.

—— P. L. Minneapolis, Minn.
About 8,000 cards under artist and subject.

—— P. L. St. Louis, Mo.
Miscellaneous illustrations.

Plants. L. of U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington.
Illustrations of plants, supplementing Iconum botanicarum locupletissimus, by Pritzel.

***Playgrounds.** L. of International Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass.
Especially with reference to physical education of boys.

Poetry. Pratt Institute F. L. Brooklyn, N. Y.
17,500 title and first line entries; commenced prior to publication of Granger's Index to poetry and recitations, and continued as supplementary to it.

—— P. L. Cincinnati, O.
Commenced prior to publication of Granger's Index to poetry and recitations, and continued as supplementary to it.

—— P. L. Cleveland, O.
14,000 entries by title (or by first line, if no title), supplementing Granger's Index to poetry and recitations; includes references to Current Literature, v. 1+ and Speaker, v. 1+.

—— P. L. Denver, Col.
12,000 entries supplementing Granger's Index to poetry anad recitations.

—— P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.
The index is extensive and includes all poetry in the magazine Current Literature, v. 1-21.

Portraits. Pratt Institute F. L. Brooklyn, N. Y.
Commenced prior to publication of A. L. A. Portrait index, and continued as supplementary to it.

—— P. L. Chicago.
Magazine and book references; commenced prior to publication of A. L. A. Portrait index, and continued as supplementary to it; Chicago and Illinois specialized in.

—— P. L. Cincinnati, O.
Plates in folio books.

—— P. L. Denver, Col.
4,000 entries supplementing the A. L. A. Portrait index.

—— P. L. New York.
30,000 entries supplementing the A. L. A. Portrait index.

Religious biography. P. L. Cleveland, O.
300 name entries.

Saints in art. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates in books and magazines.

Scientists. P. L. New York.
42,000 biographical and bibliographical entries, including notices from society publications, periodicals, special encyclopedias, etc.; some portraits and clippings relating to current activities.

Sculpture. P. L. New York.
20,000 references to plates in books and to prints of paintings and sculptures.

Sermons. Colgate University L. Hamilton, N. Y.
15,000 references, by text, to collections of sermons.

—— Meadville Theological School L. Meadville, Pa.
1,000 New England pamphlet sermons, 1800-1850, chiefly Unitarian, by author, names of societies before whom preached, names of deceased in cases of funeral sermons, etc.

—— P. L. Cleveland, O.
References upon 100 subjects.

Short stories. L. of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
2,000 entries, covering about 100 collections.

—— P. L. Cleveland, O.
15,000 title references to collections in books.

—— P. L. Waltham, Mass.
4,500 graded references by title to collections of literature, fiction and works on story-telling.

Shorthand. P. L. Salem, Mass.
Subject and author references to articles by Alexander Paterson in the *Phonetic Journal*, describing various works on shorthand now owned by the Salem Public Library; supplements Bibliography of shorthand, by John Westby-Gibson.

***Sociology—Bibliography.** Russell Sage Foundation L. New York.

Songs—Scores. City L. Springfield, Mass.
15,000 title entries to song collections.

—— P. L. Cleveland, O.
1,600 title entries.

—— P. L. Denver, Col.
10,000 entries of songs and hymns.

—— P. L. Detroit, Mich.

—— P. L. Grand Rapids, Mich.
1,000 entries.

—— P. L. Los Angeles, Cal.

—— P. L. New York.
4,000 entries by composers, authors of works, titles, and first lines, referring to collections of favorite or popular songs.

—— P. L. Providence, R. I.

Statues. L. of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Plates of equestrian statues in books and magazines.

Study clubs. P. L. Cleveland, O.
Subject references on topics studied by clubs in Cleveland during a period of several years.

Sunday school lessons. P. L. Cincinnati, O.
References by text to Select notes on the International Lessons, by F. N. Peloubet.

Technology. Pratt Institute F. L. Brooklyn, N. Y.
Technical books, rated according to scope.

Textile industry and fabrics. F. P. L. New Bedford, Mass.

Turkish literature. P. L. New York.
Title index in Oriental characters, of all works in the collection.

Vessels. P. L. New York.
Plates in books.

Whaling. F. P. L. New Bedford, Mass.

Women—Occupations. L. of Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.

***Young men.** L. of the International Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass.
Y. M. C. A. work by and for boys and youths.

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